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SUBJECT: SUGAR - GOJ PROTESTS PROPOSED WEST INDIES QUOTA

REFERENCE KINGSTON 3318 SEPTEMBER 1973

1. IN EXACT REPETITION OF SCENE DESCRIBED LAST SEPTEMBER (REFTEL), MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM, P.J. PATTERSON IN PRESENCE MINSTAFF PROTESTED "SAVAGE CUT" IN WEST INDIES SUGAR QUOTA FROM 4.1 PERCENT TO 2.53 PERCENT OF TOTAL TO CHARGE AND ECONOFF. PATTERSON STATED WEST INDIES SECOND ONLY TO BRAZIL IN MEETING US SHORTFALL AND AT TIME WHEN PREVAILING SUGAR PRICES HIGH. WEST INDIES HAD MADE IT "CLEAR PRIORITY" TO MEET US SUGAR QUOTA FIRST AND PRESENT EEC NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE AGAINST BACKGROUND THAT BASIC DECISION. THEY DID NOT SEE JUSTIFICATION FOR CUT FROM 220,000 TO 131,000 SHORT TONS.

2. COMPARED TO SITUATION LAST FALL, PRESENT CUT NOT MATTER OF "OPERATION OF LAW" AND HE WISHED TO MAKE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS: A) AT TIME OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN US, WISA "BEHAVED LIKE GOOD SUPPLIERS". B) REGION'S ECONMMIES HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON SUGAR FOR FOREIGN

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EXCHANGE AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT. DESPITE NEED FOR

FOREIGN EXCHANGE, NO SUGAR SOLD ON WORLD MARKET, C) PROXIMITY TO US SHOULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED. "STRATEGIC LOCATION" OF REGION MADE IT ABLE TO FILL US REQUIREMENTS EASILY.

3. AMOUNT OF SUGAR AVAILABLE TO US MARKET THIS YEAR WAS 207,200 SHORT TONS OF WHICH 168,000 TONS ALREADY SHIPPED. GOJ DID NOT SEE REASON FOR CUT AND FELT WEST INDIES "ENTITLED TO RETENTION OF QUOTA OF 220,000 SHORT TONS." PATTERSON MADE IT CLEAR GOJ PRESENTATION ON CARICOM BEHALF AND STATES DIP NOTE RE: ABOVE WOULD BE DELIVERED BY GOJ EMBASSY WASHINGTON

4. COMMENT: PATTERSON'S STATEMENT MADE IN MODERATE AND REASONABLE TONE DESPITE USE OF TERM "SAVAGE". FACT PROTEST MADE SIMPLY UNDERSCORES IMPORTANCE OF SUGAR TO REGION'S ECONOMY AS EMPLOYER AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER DESPITE GOJ'S CURRENT FOCUS ON BAUXITE ALUMINA INDUSTRY. HEWITT

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